

A young boy with light brown hair and green eyes is smiling at the camera while fishing from a white boat. He is wearing a grey baseball cap, a black long-sleeved shirt, and a red life vest. He holds a fishing rod with a black handle and a gold-colored reel. The background shows blue water and a sandy beach.

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Just north of Iowa City, Coralville Lake and Lake Macbride together offer tons of recreational activities.

Coralville Lake or Reservoir, sometimes lovingly referred to as "the Res," was formed in the 1950s when the Coralville Dam was built to control the flooding of the Iowa River. Today, the 23-mile-long Coralville Lake offers seven campgrounds and a number of beaches and boat ramps.

Located to the north and east of Coralville Lake, Lake Macbride State Park is Iowa's largest state park. With two campgrounds, seven boat ramps and two public beaches, you'll find it easy to enjoy the day or even a whole week at Lake Macbride.

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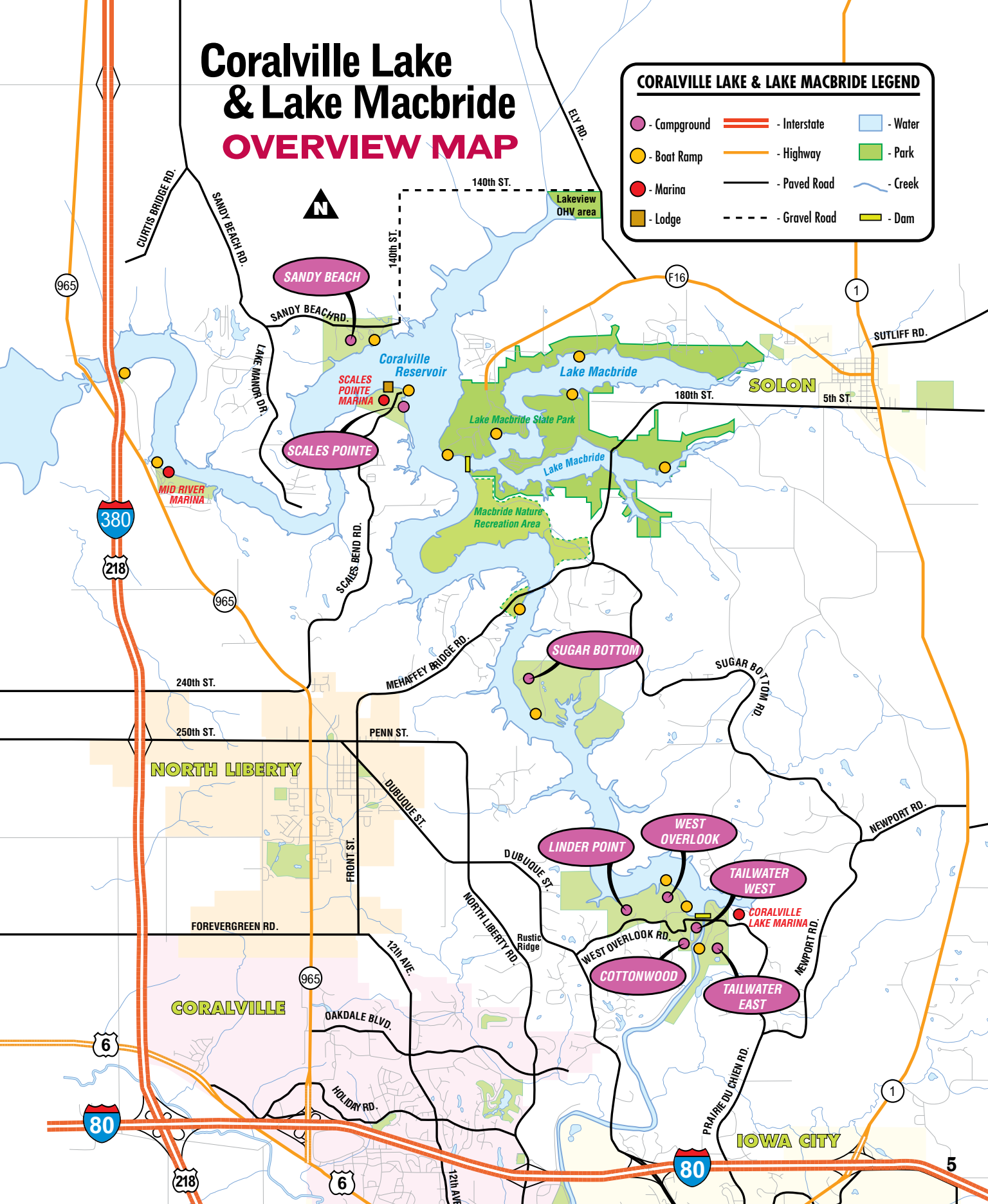
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OVERVIEW MAP

CORALVILLE LAKE & LAKE MACBRIDE LEGEND

- | | | |
|--------------|---------------|---------|
| - Campground | - Interstate | - Water |
| - Boat Ramp | - Highway | - Park |
| - Marina | - Paved Road | - Creek |
| - Lodge | - Gravel Road | - Dam |



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Camping

At Lake Macbride

Lake Macbride's modern campground features a new shower/restroom facility, back-in site pads complete with 50 amp electrical service and fire rings. Eleven sites have full hook-ups, and an additional 17 sites have hydrants for potable water. From May 1 to Sept. 30, full hook-up sites are \$19 and all other sites are \$16. After this time, prices are reduced to \$14 and \$11 respectively. 75% of these sites are reservable.

The primitive campground in the southern portion of the park has 61 campsites, and both flush and non-flush restrooms. This campground is situated in a shaded/semi-timbered area near the lake. During the recreational season all sites are \$9. After this time, all sites are \$6. You may reserve a site in either campground by calling (877) 427-2757 or going online to www.exploreiowaparks.com. Walk-in camping is also available, and permits can be obtained by self-registering for a non-reservable site at the entrance of the campground.

Check-in time: 4 pm • Check-out time: 3 pm • Quiet hours: 10 pm to 6 am



At Macbride Nature Recreation Area

At the Macbride Nature Recreation Area (MNRA) there are two areas designated for camping. The primitive group campsites, Wolf sites 1–5, can accommodate 10 to 20 people for \$20 per night. The Fox sites 1–8 are individual campsites available for \$10 per night. Campsites may be reserved in advance at the Field House Membership Desk on the UI campus in Iowa City. Sites that are not reserved, other than Bluestem Campsite & Social Center, are available on a first come/first served basis. For more information, call (319) 335-9847 or go online to <http://recserv.uiowa.edu/Apps/Facilities/MacBrideNatureRecreationArea.aspx>

At Coralville Lake

The Dam Complex is made up of five campgrounds: West Overlook, Linder Point, Cottonwood, Tailwater East and Tailwater West. Tailwater East and Tailwater West are located below the dam along the Iowa River. The Tailwater West Campground received extensive damage during the 2008 flood, and has been renovated to include a new handicap-accessible combination restroom and shower building, plus a separate new vault toilet. The Tailwater West campground has 20 campsites complete with concrete pads. Some sites have full hook-ups; water, electric and sewer. Other sites only have water and electrical hookups. The tent only sites are consolidated at the north end of the area.

Sugar Bottom and Sandy Beach campgrounds are located upstream from the Dam on the 23-mile long lake.

Campers can choose from primitive walk-in tent sites to full service sites. All campsites have a picnic table and fire ring. Sites suitable for RVs have a gravel or concrete camp pad. All campgrounds offer modern restrooms and showers, a sanitary dump station and at least one fish cleaning station. Many have boatlaunch facilities and a beach. Fees range from \$12 to \$24.

For more information on Coralville Lake campgrounds, go online to www.coralvillelake.org or call (319) 338-3543 ext. 6300.

Check-in: 6 pm • Check-out: 5 pm
Quiet hours: 10 pm to 6 am

2011 Coralville Lake Campsite Fees							
	\$12	\$14	\$16	\$18	\$20	\$22	\$24
	Tent	Non Electric	Standard Electric	Premium Electric	50 amp Electric	30 amp Water Sewer or 50 amp Water	50 amp Water Sewer
Cottonwood	C1-C15						
Linder Point	L19-L25	L13-L16	L9-L12 L17-L18				L1-L8
Sandy Beach	51-60			1-19, 22-50		20, 21	
Sugar Bottom	1-7, 95-104		16-31	8-15 32-94 105-190	192-214		300-311 191
Tailwater East	E1-E5			E6-E19 E25-E28	E20-E24	T1, T2, T4, T6, T8-T12 T14, T15, T17	T3, T5, T7, T13, T16 T18-T20
Tailwater West	T21-T25						
West Overlook			W34-W38	W1-W33 W39-W89			

► To Solon, Hwy 1 via CR / F16

County Road W4F / Sandy Beach Road

◄ To Shueyville, I-380 / Hwy 218, Hwy 965

Day Use Area
Toilet
Change House
Beach
Public Boat Ramp

Coralville Lake

Visitor / Trailer Parking
Picnic Shelter

Fish Cleaning Station
Toilet

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Sandy Beach

Sandy Beach Campground

Season: May 1 - Sept. 30

Entrance Station Hours:

Sat-Wed: 4 - 8 pm, Thu-Fri: 4 - 9 pm

GPS Coordinates:

41.81361 -91.59528



You can recycle at Coralville Lake

Look for the new recycling waste stations next to the garbage dumpsters.

No sorting required.

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Sugar Bottom

Group Camp Areas
Site Nos. A215-C243

Entrance Station

Restricted Area

Sanitary Dump Station

Tent Camping

Toilet

Sugar Bottom Campground

Season: May 1 - Sept. 30

Entrance Station Hours:

Mon-Sat: 9-11 am & 2 - 10 pm

Sun: Noon - 8 pm

GPS Coordinates:

41.75639 -91.55917



Group Camping

The Sugar Bottom Group Camp Area has four loops, "A", "B1", "B2" and "C". Individual group loops range from 4 to 10 sites. Large groups may reserve more than one group loop for a maximum of 29 campsites. To make a group campground reservation, call 1-877-444-6777 or www.recreation.gov

Group Loop A

Reserving site A215 includes the remaining sites in Group Loop A, A216-A224, for a total of 10 sites. The fee is \$180 per night.

Group Loop B1

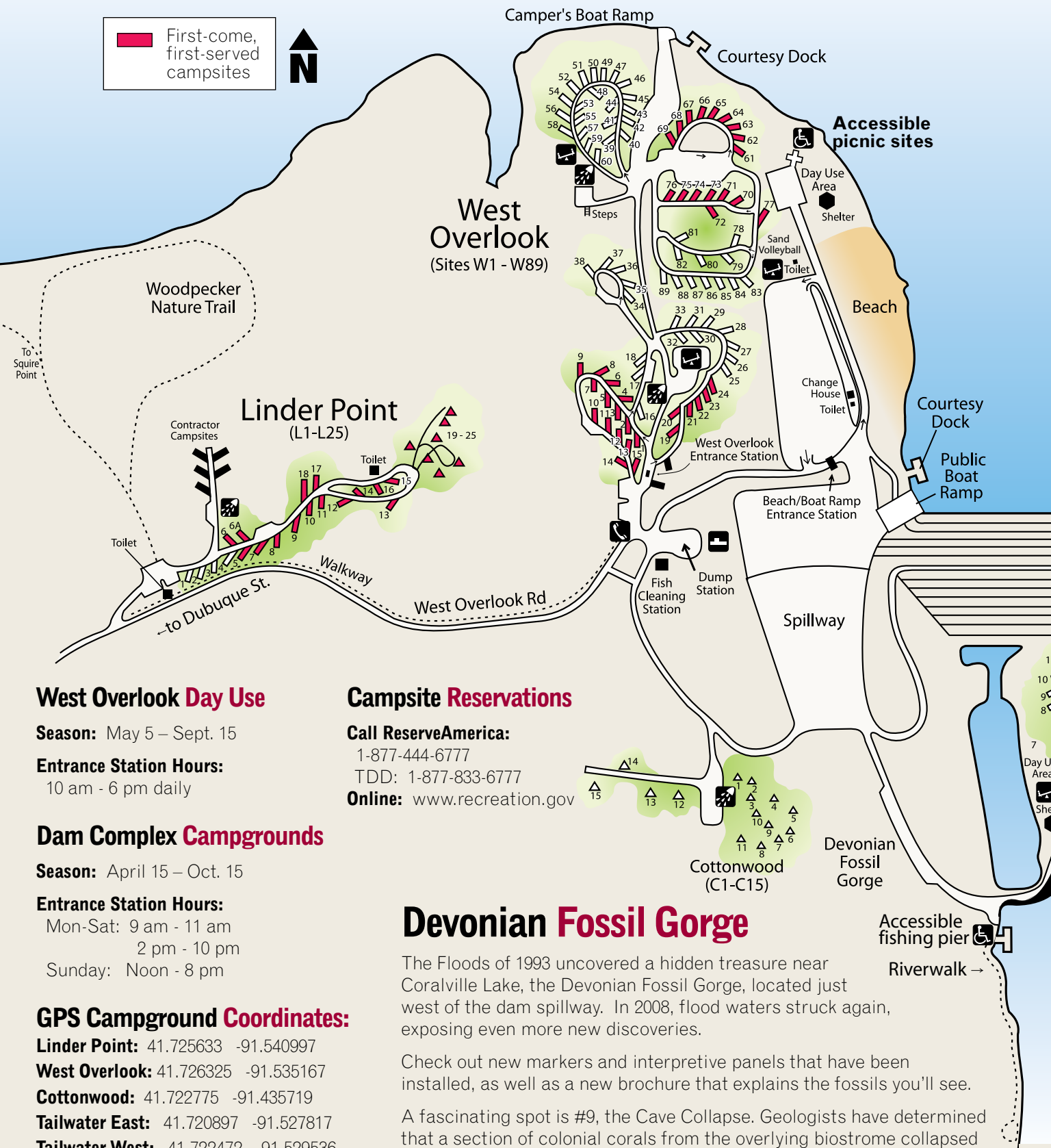
Reserving site B225 includes the sites in Group Loop B1, B226-B228, for a total of four sites. The fee is \$72 per night.

Group Loop B2

Reserving site B229 includes the sites in Group Loop B2, B230-B233, for a total of five sites. The fee is \$90 per night.

Group Loop C

Reserving site C234 includes the sites in Group Loop C, C235-C243, for a total of 10 campsites. The fee is \$180 per night.



Coralville Lake



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Got e-mail?

Getting away from it all doesn't mean lake visitors can't occasionally check in back home at one of these nearby sources:

North Liberty Community Library

520 W. Cherry St., North Liberty • (319) 626-5701

Solon Public Library

320 W. Main St., Solon • (319) 624-2678

Wireless coverage can also be found in downtown Iowa City near the Old Capitol Town Center and the Pedestrian Mall; in Coralville on the City Campus, Iowa River Landing (including the Coralville Marriott Hotel & Conference Center) and North Ridge Park.

Interested in volunteering as an interpretive guide?

Coralville Lake is always looking for volunteers to help with everything from pulling weeds to staffing the Visitor Center.

The interpretive program at Coralville Lake is now looking for volunteer tour guides. If you have always wanted to work outdoors and have fun at the same time, this could be for you. These volunteers develop and present a variety of programs including Visitor Center and Dam tours and guided walks in the Devonian Fossil Gorge. Other programs may include water safety presentations at the beach, nature walks, nature craft programs and outdoor skills workshops.

Water safety is our main interest and makes up the majority of our programming. We do have a variety of water safety programs already developed and outlined that may be used.

Good communication skills and a friendly attitude are a must, but you do not need to be a certified life guard to run these informational programs.

Again, these are volunteer positions and there will be no monetary compensation. If you are sincerely interested, contact Terry Escher, Park Ranger, at (319) 338-3543 x6308 or email Terry.J.Escher@usace.army.mil

Lake Macbride

DETAIL MAP

LAKE MACBRIDE LEGEND

Boat Ramp	Picnic Area	Bike Trail	Beach/Boat Rental
Park Office	Rest Room	Dam	Fishing Cleaning Station
Lodge	Play Ground	Nature Trail	Handicap Fishing Pier
Shelter	Private Property	Multi-Use Trail	

MODERN CAMPGROUND

PRIMITIVE CAMPGROUND

SOLON

The northern part of Lake Macbride State Park lies at the end of County Road F-16, four miles west of Solon.

The southern part of the park is located off County Road F-28 (5th Street in Solon), three miles west of Solon.

Lake Macbride

CAMPGROUNDS

GPS Coordinates at Lake Macbride:

Modern (North) Camp:
N 41° 47.937'
W 91° 34.389'

Lake Macbride State Park Primitive Campground South

Primitive (South) Camp:
N 41° 47.709'
W 91° 32.132'

Map Key:

Available	Not Available	Non-reservable
Pending	Full Hook-up	Electrical
No electricity	Host Site	Hydrant
Playground	Vaulted toilet	Check-in station
Parking lot	Boat ramp	Dumpster
Phone	Youth Site	

Site Map for Primitive Campground South

N 1	N 2	N 3	N 4
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N 10	N 11	N 12	N 13
N 19	N 18	N 17	N 16
N 20	N 21	N 22	N 23
N 27	N 26	N 25	N 24
N 28	N 29	N 30	N 31
N 35	N 34	N 33	N 32
N 36	N 37	N 38	N 39
N 43	N 42	N 41	N 40
N 44	N 45	N 46	N 47
54 N	N 53	N 52	N 51
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	N 56	N 57	N 61

N 5 Youth Group Site

Coralville Lake Visitor Center

The Coralville Lake Visitor Center is located at the east end of the dam high atop the hill overlooking the lake and features exhibits on the history and natural resources of the Coralville Lake area. You'll find a replica of an eagle's nest and a genuine fossil of part of a Dunkleosteous (one of the oldest and largest fish on earth) which was found just below the spillway after the flood of 1993. A variety of taxidermy mounts allow visitors a close-up look at some of the native wildlife.

Please excuse the mess while some exhibits are being updated and renovated this year.

A 15-minute movie about Coralville Lake, the Devonian Fossil Gorge and the floods of 1993 and 2008 is shown at the Visitor Center theatre upon request.

Other movies may be requested by groups if arranged in advance.

These movies include "America's Lost Landscape: The Tallgrass Prairie," "On the Wings of the Wind" (about eagles in Iowa), "Listen to the Eagle's Message," "Wings of America-Birds of Prey Show" (filmed live at Dollywood), and "Coexisting With Beavers: Nature's Habitat Engineers."

The Visitor Center has a gift shop which sells DVD's of the movie, camping guides, T-shirts, polished loose fossils (from local private sources) and fossil necklaces, and postcards. The Visitor Center also has a variety of maps and brochures available.

Coralville Lake Visitor Center:

April 16 – Oct. 16, 2011:

8 am to 4 pm, Mon – Fri,
10 am to 5 pm, Sat, Sun, holidays

Oct. 17 – April 15, 2012:

8 am to 4 pm, Mon - Fri,
Closed weekends

Summer programs at Coralville Lake

Enjoy a special treat at a campground program or special event at the Visitor Center. All programs are free to the public. And you don't need to be camping to attend a campground program. Check www.coralvillelake.org for exact dates and times.

Returning campground favorites include:

- live birds of prey from the Macbride Raptor Center;
- Perry Ross, story teller extraordinaire,
- and Deb Green with her chilling ghost stories.

As for new programs, you may get to meet a baby bobcat or lynx, live! And a distinguished writer, Larry Stone, will charm us with an "entertaining look at the natural and cultural resources [one] may experience along our waterways."

TUESDAY NIGHTS

The Visitor Center will again have a free movie night on Tuesdays, featuring intriguing nature-themed movies. There will also be FREE popcorn!

MAY 30

The annual Memorial Day Veterans Trail Ceremony honors local living veterans for their service to our country.

JUNE 4



Come to a unique water safety program presented by the 4-Seasons Power Squadron from Cedar Rapids.

JUNE 18

Join us for the First Annual Turkey Vulture Festival at the East Overlook Picnic Area.

Find more information on any program at www.coralvillelake.org or www.culturalcorridor.org. You may also call (319) 338-3543, ext. 6300, (M-F 7:30-4) Or during the summer, you can call on Sat, Sun between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

In the event of inclement weather, some programs may have to be cancelled. Feel free to call ahead.



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You can borrow a life jacket for children weighing up to 90 pounds free of charge from a self-serve kiosk that's located near the Coralville Lake West Overlook Beach.

There is no charge to borrow a life jacket. The only requirement is parents need to know the weight of their child so that they borrow the right size of life jacket.

When you are finished using the life jacket, simply return it to the self-serve kiosk, to any park ranger, park entrance station, or the Visitor Center.

The Corps of Engineers would like to thank Coralville Lake Marina for generously donating the life jackets. Without them, this program would not be possible.

For more info on kids and water safety, go online to www.bobber.info to learn more from Bobber, The Water Safety Dog.



Look for this self-serve kiosk to borrow life jackets for your kids at Coralville Lake.

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If you already recycle at home, it makes perfect sense to recycle at Coralville Lake. New waste stations are now located throughout the Coralville Lake campgrounds; one large green dumpster for regular garbage and one for all recyclables. There's no need to sort, all recyclable materials can be put in the same recycling dumpster....newspaper, cardboard, magazines, plastic, aluminum and tin, all in one easy step. Unfortunately, glass can not be recycled at this time.

Please take a minute to be sure to use the right dumpster, so that you don't accidentally put your garbage in the recycling container.

If you carry your recyclables to the dumpster in a garbage bag, please empty the bag into the recycle container and then reuse the bag.

Last year, approximately 2,778 cubic yards of garbage was collected at Coralville Lake. Together, we can easily reduce this number by recycling.



Buy locally harvested firewood

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Rock Island District, which includes the Coralville Lake Project, has a regulation restricting firewood from being brought into our recreation areas from outside the state of Iowa and Allamakee County in Iowa. If you brought firewood with you from another state, please contact a park ranger or gate attendant and they will assist you.

Firewood can harbor invasive insects and other tree pests that can

kill trees. You can help protect Coralville Lake's trees and forests by using local sources of firewood; by purchasing only the amount that you need and by burning it all before you leave the campground.

If you have a branch or part of a tree you would like to have removed because it is touching your camping equipment, please contact a ranger or the gate attendant at the entrance station so that it can be removed correctly.

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Swimming and Boating

Lake Macbride

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A variety of boats are available for rent near the beach. The boat rental office is open daily from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. between the end of May and Labor Day. Reservations can be made at (319) 624-2315. Pontoon boats seat up to 11 passengers and rent from \$39 an hour. Motorboats seat up to four and rent from \$18.95 per hour. Paddleboats, canoes and kayaks rent starting at \$8.95 an hour.

There are seven boat ramps on Lake Macbride (see pg. 12). A 10-horsepower motor limit is in effect from the Friday before Memorial Day through Labor Day. At other times, there is an unrestricted horsepower motor limit operated at no-wake speed.



Coralville Lake

Offering more than 5,000 acres of water, Coralville Lake can't be beat for pleasure boating, water skiing and swimming.

Swimming beaches are located on Coralville Lake at the Sugar Bottom Day Use, Sandy Beach Day Use, and West Overlook Day Use areas. The Sugar Bottom Day Use beach, which is located by the mountain bike trail, is free. The other two beaches charge \$1 per person for persons 12 years of age and older; up to \$4 per car. No alcohol is allowed on any of the swimming beaches at Coralville Lake.

Boat ramps for registered campers are located within two of the three main campgrounds, West Overlook and Sugar Bottom. Registered campers may launch at any of the boat ramps free of charge with their camping receipt displayed in the vehicle window. Boat ramps

for non-campers are located at Mehaffey Bridge, West Overlook Day Use, and Sandy Beach Day Use. The daily boat launch fee for non-campers is \$3. The Tailwater East campground has a free boat ramp for access to the Iowa River below the dam. Annual passes are available at the Coralville Lake office on the east side of the dam, at any entrance station, or call (319) 338-3543 ext. 6300 or online at www.coralvillelake.org

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Fishing

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In order to fish, you need to purchase an annual fishing license for \$19. (One-week or one-day licenses are also available. Fees are higher for non-residents.)

You can purchase your license at various stores in the area including: Funcrest Bait & Tackle, Sam's Main Street Market in Solon and L.D. Express and Corridor Convenience in North Liberty.

You may purchase and print a fishing license from the DNR Web site, www.iowadnr.gov. For a \$2.50 convenience fee, plus 2.5 percent of the total purchase, you can pay with MasterCard, Discover, Visa or e-check.

Check out www.takemefishing.org for tons of info about what's biting and how to get your family hooked on fishing.

**FREE fishing days
June 3, 4 & 5**



Be safe on your boat:

- Take a safe boating course.
- Put on your life jacket and leave your alcohol behind.
- Check the weather forecast.
- File a float plan with a friend.
- Check your boat for all required safety equipment.
- Check your electrical system and fuel system for gas fumes.
- Follow manufacturer-suggested procedures before starting up.
- Carry a navigational chart and know your waterway.
- Follow the navigation rules of the road, buoys and other aids to navigation.
- Be a safe boater, always post a sharp look-out.

Iowa's boating speed and distance regulations:

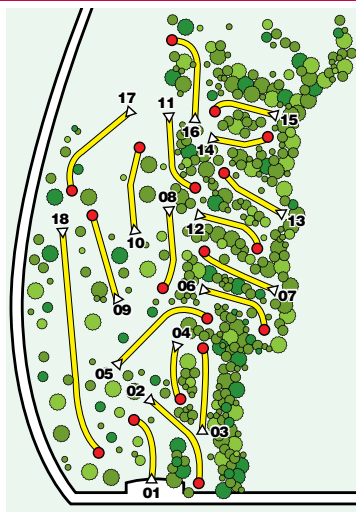
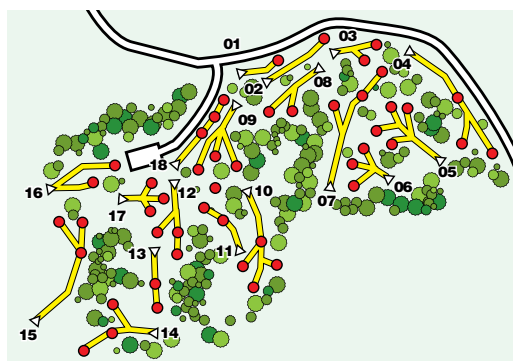
- Don't exceed 5 mph within 100 feet of craft going 5 mph or less.
- Keep a distance of 50 feet when both are going over 5 mph.
- Don't exceed 10 mph when vision is not clear 200 feet ahead.

Disc golf

A disc golf course at Turkey Creek, located on the east side of the Coralville Dam, offers 18 holes on sloped terrain with bordering wooded areas.

The disc golf course located in the Sugar Bottom Recreation Area offers a mix of open and wooded areas on rolling terrain that makes for a challenging 18 holes. The access road to Sugar Bottom is off Mehaffey Bridge Road.

Both disc golf courses at Coralville Lake are free and available on a first-come, first-served basis except when tournaments are scheduled.



▲ **Sugar Bottom
Disc Golf Course**

◀ **Turkey Creek
Disc Golf Course**

Geocaching: High tech treasure hunt

If you're looking for an adventure to coax your kids away from their high tech toys and get them outdoors, geocaching may be just what you are looking for.

Geocaching is a high tech treasure hunt that uses a handheld GPS unit to lead you in the direction of a hidden treasure (the cache).

Each cache consists of a container that holds a log book and various small prizes left by other geocachers to reward you for your find. The idea is to take a prize and leave a prize.

The hidden beauty of geocaching is in the location of the caches. We have many natural areas that are off the beaten path and seldom seen. Geocachers enjoy helping you to discover their own favorite areas by hiding caches in those places.

There are numerous geocaches located around Coralville Lake and Lake Macbride, just waiting for a new adventurer to find them.

If you want to set a geocache on public lands around Coralville Lake or Lake Macbride, you need to obtain a permit from the governing agency. For information about getting a permit at Coralville Lake call (319) 338-3543, x6319. For Lake Macbride, call (319) 624-2200.

For more information on local caches, go online to www.geocaching.com or www.iowageocachers.org

Reserve a shelter

Lake Macbride

The Civilian Conservation Corps constructed a number of facilities at Lake Macbride during the 1930s that are still used today. These include a beautiful, enclosed stone shelter and the beach building. These enclosed lodge shelters are available for rent for \$70 a day, which includes electricity, water, modern restrooms, kitchen facilities, and oak tables and benches. Both the main lodge and beach lodge may be reserved online at www.exploreiowaparks.com.

Five open picnic shelters are also available for rent. For locations, please see the map in this guide or view the online map at www.exploreiowaparks.com.

Open shelters may be reserved online at www.exploreiowaparks.com for a \$25 fee plus tax.

Coralville Lake

Six picnic shelters are available. The daily fee to reserve a shelter from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. is \$30 and is non-refundable. Each shelter has pedestal grills, water, electrical outlets and restroom facilities nearby.

For reservations or more information, call (319) 338-3543, ext. 6300, Mon-Fri from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shelters can be used on a first-come, first-served basis when not reserved.

There are individual picnic tables and grills throughout each picnic area. Three concrete, universally-accessible picnic sites at Coralville Lake's West Overlook Day Use Area are available on a first-come, first-served basis.



Hit the trails: Hike, bike or run

AT CORALVILLE LAKE

The Cedar Valley Nature Trail, located along the entrance road to the Sugar Bottom Recreation Area, winds its way past a cave used by ancient Native Americans, through tall timber, into lush ravines and over scenic bridges.

Squire Point and Woodpecker Trails connect to form a five-mile network. The **Woodpecker Nature Trail** entrance, located by the Linder Point Recreation Area off of Dubuque Street, offers marked stops along the trail. The **Squire Point Trail** is located north of the dam off Dubuque Street.

Tailwater Riverwalk is a hard surfaced trail that provides great access for fishing downstream on the west bank. It is also a pleasant half-mile walk roundtrip on a warm sunny day as it is mostly well shaded. Along the trail you will also find three picnic sites complete with a picnic table and a grill.

The Veterans Trail, located near the park office, is a barrier-free 1/4-mile looped trail. Each year on Memorial Day, a dedication ceremony is held to honor local veterans.

Mountain bikers of all skill levels can bike nearly ten miles of one-way trails on the

Sugar Bottom Mountain Bike Trail, which are marked by level of difficulty. For a Sugar Bottom trail map, go to www.icorrmtnb.org. Other trail maps can be found at www.mvr.usace.army.mil/Coralville/hiking_trails.htm.

AT LAKE MACBRIDE

A 17-mile trail system provides spectacular views of shorebirds, waterfowl and osprey. During winter months, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling are popular.

Lake Macbride also features a five-mile rock surface trail along the lake from Solon to the park entrance. Another scenic 1.5-mile pedestrian trail runs between the park beach and the dam.

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Turkey vultures at Coralville Lake

As you drive around the Coralville Lake area, you're sure to see a large number of turkey vultures circling above the dam. At first glance, they are not the prettiest birds. In fact, many people feel turkey vultures are rather ugly. But if you look past their rough exterior, you can see the beauty of these misunderstood birds.

Many people are put off by the fact that a turkey vulture's main diet is carrion, or dead animals. However, these birds serve an important function as nature's own sanitation engineers. If not for vultures, there would be a huge amount of dead animals around the countryside, possibly spreading disease.

Fast facts about turkey vultures:

- feature a bald red head,
- have excellent eyesight and a very keen sense of smell,
- have dark brown feathers, but when they are soaring the undersides of their flight feathers look silvery or white,
- are exceptionally clean birds and are constantly preening themselves,
- are not aggressive or confrontational,
- will not feed on live prey and pose no threat to your children or pets.



Resources: www.allaboutbirds.org,
www.vulturesociety.homestead.com

Turkey Vulture Festival • Sat, June 18 • 8 am to noon

East Overlook Picnic Area

- Spotting scopes will be available to use, compliments of the Iowa City Bird Club.
- Tex Sordahl, a professor from Luther College, will be on hand to answer your questions.
- A video about turkey vultures will be shown in the theatre at the Visitor Center located on top of the hill.
- Face painting for the kids and fun crafts from 9 to 11 a.m.
- A fun nature activity or two will be provided by the Johnson County Conservation Education Center.
- The Children's Museum will provide a fun game plus a craft activity so you can make your own souvenir to take home.
- A coloring contest will also take place with a provided coloring page. The artwork will then be displayed in the Visitor Center for a week.
- Impromptu bird walks will be conducted at the Veterans Trail just to the east of the picnic area. The Veterans Trail has a bird blind to spy on many smaller birds at the feeders. A display for the Iowa Songbird Project will be worth checking out as will displays from several other local nature-related clubs.

See raptors up close at the Macbride Raptor Center

At the Macbride Nature Recreation Area (south of Lake Macbride on Mehaffey Bridge Road), a large enclosure called a flight cage is used to prepare injured birds for release back into the wild.

The Macbride Nature and Recreation Area also serves as a home to several species of permanently disabled eagles, hawks, owls and falcons.

The public is welcome to visit year round.
April-Oct: 6 am-8 pm; Nov-Mar: 9 am-6 pm
Guided tours may be arranged by calling (319) 398-5495, <http://recserv.uiowa.edu/Apps/Programs/MacbrideRaptorProject.aspx>



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